

## 2000 Annual Report Executive Summary

### Jackson County Enterprise Community

The Jackson County Development Council, Inc. (JCDC) has made great progress in the implementation of the Strategic Plan during calendar year 2000, with the addition of two key managers and two other community development staff members. Partnerships and collaborative efforts have resulted in the following major accomplishments:

1. 48 Unit Apartment complex under construction
2. 25 new low income homes constructed
3. 25 low income homes rehabilitated
4. 245 prospective new homeowners completed Home-buyers Education course, with an additional 361 attending one or two classes
5. \$195,746 of State and Federal Grant funds received for low income housing and weatherization projects
6. \$350,000 of Grant funds received for home buyouts and demolition
7. \$6,033,648 of Grant funds received for Infrastructure and road improvements
8. \$150,500 of Grant funds received for Public Transportation
9. \$388,000 of Grant funds received by City of Graceville for Intermobile Service Transportation
10. \$131,488 of Grant funds received for Jackson County Emergency Management
11. \$175,627 of Grant funds received for Jackson County Waste Recycling and Management
12. \$967,079 of Grant funds received for Law Enforcement Programs and Courthouse improvements (including \$35,985 for a program to stop Domestic Violence Against Women)
13. \$783,642 of Grant funds received for Libraries and Reading Programs
14. \$200,000 per year for seven years Grant received from U. S. Department of Health for "Closing the Gap" Program
15. \$341,617 of Grant funds received by the City of Marianna for various projects
16. \$500,000 Economic Development Grant funds received by City of Graceville
17. \$100,000 Recreational Development Grant funds received by City of Graceville
18. \$50,000 Recreational Development Grant funds received by the Town of Greenwood
19. \$75,000 Grant received for Cops in School Program by City of Graceville
20. The "One Stop Center" (Chipola Regional Workforce Development Planning Board) received \$2,121,177 of Grant funds, serving 2,383 people
21. \$269,481 Grant funds received by the Town of Campbellton for well construction
22. \$2,000,000 received from The Governor's Office of Tourism, Trade and Economic Development (Florida) for the Sykes Enterprises recruitment, bringing 650 jobs to the Jackson County Enterprise Community
23. 77 businesses and home-owners assisted by JCDC staff in processing of applications for Florida Enterprise Zone tax refund applications. Tax refunds during the calendar year included: Business Equipment Sales Tax, \$33,331; Building Materials Sales Tax, \$77,776, Jobs Credits Against Corporate Income Tax, \$12,254; Jobs Credits Against Sales Tax, \$68,690, with a total new jobs created of 127 related to these applications. The total tax refunds applied for during the calendar year 2000 is \$179,797, with a grand total since inception of \$414,754.
24. Jobs created this calendar year through expansion of existing businesses total 120, with another 101 additional jobs expected in the future
25. Jobs created this calendar year through recruitment of new businesses total 710
26. Negotiations and assistance has been ongoing throughout the year 2000 in recruiting 10 additional businesses to the Enterprise Community, with prospects for 419 additional jobs.

Community participation, partnerships, and alliances have greatly increased. JCDC staff assisted four communities within the EC in forming Non-Profit Corporations and applying for IRS 501(c)3 status, three of which have already been approved by the IRS.

A "can do" attitude of cooperation has surfaced within Jackson County, with the City Governments, the County Administration, the One Stop Center, Chipola Jr. College, the Governor's Office, Enterprise Florida, JCDC, and many others, all working together in one accord to bring Sykes Enterprises here with 650 above average jobs. This project was initiated and managed by JCDC from inception to successful conclusion.